

AMENDMENT

U.S. Appln. No. 09/698,143

**The abstract is amended as follows:**

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Ab An ink cartridge containing a container body 3 housing an ink absorbing member 6' so as to absorb ink, a lid member 4, and a spacer 30 pressing the ink absorbing member 6' between the lid member 4 and ink absorbing member 6'. It is possible to decrease the volume of the ink absorbing member 6' without changing structure in the vicinity of an ink supply port by using the same shape of a container body 3 and a lid member 4.

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